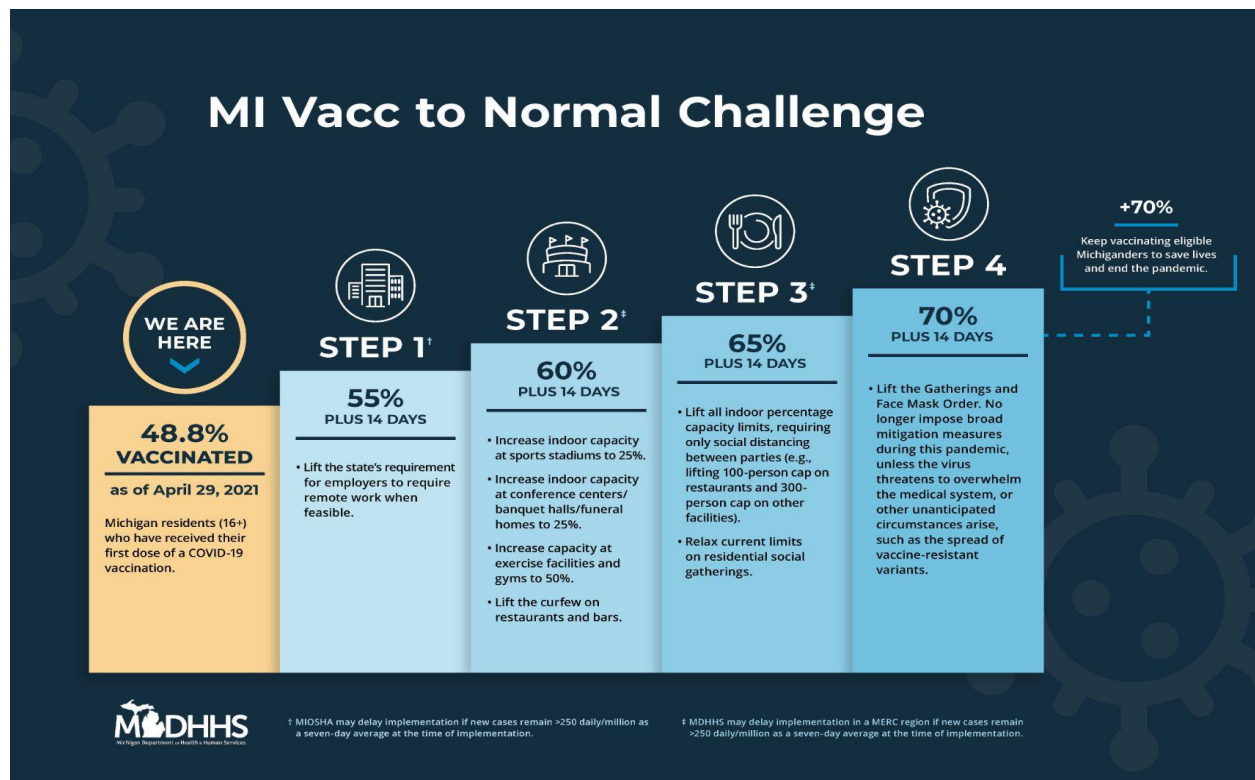


## MDHHS ANNOUNCES 'MI VACC TO NORMAL' PLAN

On Thursday, April 29, Governor Whitmer along with the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) presented the 'MI Vacc to Normal' plan which focuses on phased reopening based on vaccination rates. As the state continues to push toward its goal of vaccinating at least 70% of residents ages 16 years or older. To facilitate this goal, MDHHS will base future epidemic order actions on four vaccination-based milestones that, once achieved, will enable Michigan to take a step toward normalcy.



## UPCOMING CONSTRUCTION AT NMC'S HAGERTY CENTER VACCINATION CLINIC

The Grand Traverse County Health Department (GTCHD) is alerting those coming to Northwestern Michigan College's (NMC) Hagerty Center for a COVID-19 vaccination of construction plans that will affect entry and exit to the building.

Starting on May 3, 2021, construction will begin at the main entrance of NMC's Hagerty Center, extending south toward E. Front St and inhibiting the circle drive and walkway into the building. Those arriving for their COVID-19 vaccinations are encouraged to park immediately west and east of the building and use the walkway alongside the Grand Traverse Bay that leads to the

waterfront courtyard. The new entrance into the building is only accessible by following those paths. The construction is expected to last the duration of the clinic.



### **JOHNSON AND JOHNSON PAUSE LIFTED; WALK-INS FOR J&J WELCOME**

Following the recommendation from the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA), the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), and MDHHS, the GTCHD resumed the use of the Johnson & Johnson (J&J) COVID-19 vaccine for anyone 18 years or older.

**Walk-ins are welcomed at the following locations**

**for the week of May 3 - 7:**

**Monday, May 3 at NMC's Hagerty Center from 10 a.m. - 3 p.m.**

**Tuesday, May 4 at NMC's Hagerty Center from 2 - 6 p.m.**

**Friday, May 7 at Fife Lake Twp. Office (134 Morgan St. Fife Lake) from 10 a.m. - 3 p.m.**

**\*No appointments or preregistration necessary.**

### **HOMEBOUND VACCINE HOTLINE GOES LIVE**

The GTCHD continues to partner with local agencies to ensure all that want a COVID-19 vaccine, receive a vaccine, including those that are unable to physically make it to a clinic or office setting. If you or someone you know is in need of a home visit to receive a COVID-19 vaccine, please call **231-995-6084**. You will have an opportunity to leave a message and someone will get back to you.

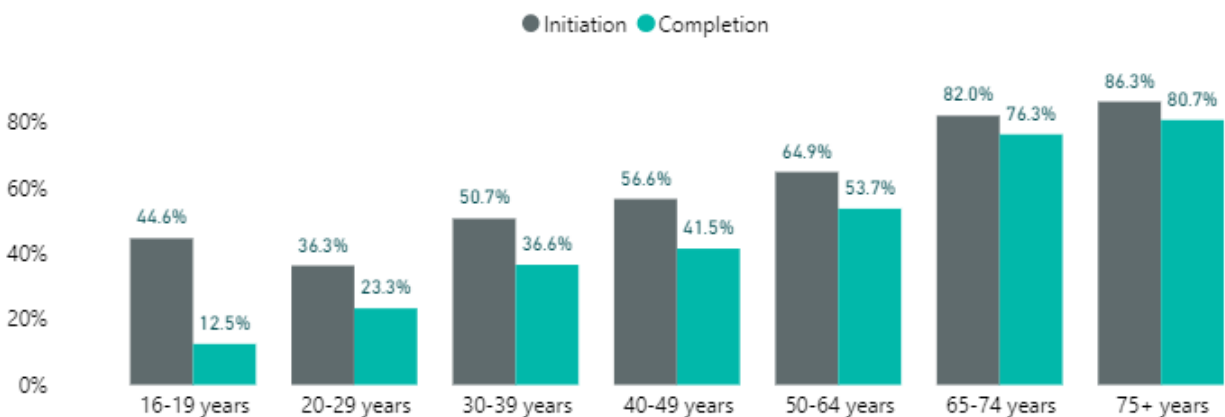


## VACCINATION NUMBERS IN GRAND TRAVERSE COUNTY

Grand Traverse County and the Traverse City region continue to do very well overall with vaccination of everyone eligible (anyone 16+). Our current total cumulative coverage is 61.2% for the initial dose and 49% for completed doses. Vaccination coverage rates for GT County residents by age group based on the MDHHS COVID 19 Vaccination Coverage Dashboard.

Administration Age Group	Initiation			Completion		
	Cumulative Coverage	Residents Vaccinated	Population	Cumulative Coverage	Residents Vaccinated	Population
16-19 years	44.6%	1,874	4199	12.5%	523	4199
20-29 years	36.3%	3,898	10733	23.3%	2,501	10733
30-39 years	50.7%	5,951	11748	36.6%	4,297	11748
40-49 years	56.6%	6,122	10809	41.5%	4,486	10809
50-64 years	64.9%	12,901	19889	53.7%	10,675	19889
65-74 years	82.0%	9,586	11686	76.3%	8,919	11686
75+ years	86.3%	6,594	7640	80.7%	6,167	7640

### COVID Vaccine Coverage by Age Group



\*percentages include all providers, including Munson, local pharmacies and providers

## DOSES ADMINISTERED AT GTCHD VACCINE CLINICS AS OF 4/30/21: 39786 Doses

DOSE	WEEK OF 4/23-4/30	CUMULATIVE (through 4/30/21)
Initiated	588	21,260
Completed	987	18,526

## CURRENT NUMBERS AND TRENDS

In Grand Traverse County, cases continue to remain moderately high in the county and region but have dropped in the past 14 days. As of April 30, the 7-day average of new cases was at 23 per day, down from 32 last week. The 7-day average for percent positivity dropped from 13.3% to 10.4% this week. Both metrics are heading in the right direction. To see direct data, [visit our dashboard](#).

Some local trends of note currently are:

- Currently, there are 1148 active COVID-19 cases in the county; 4786 recovered

- This past week we had 2 deaths - a female in her 40s and a male in his 50s, bringing the total cumulative deaths for GT County to 82
- The 0-39 age group accounts for 58% of all cases in April; 89% of the cases in the last month have been in those less than 50 years of age; this shift reflects the success of vaccination in the 50+ groups;
- 91% of the cases were symptomatic; Cases have often reported mild symptoms and continuing to work, socialize or go to school before getting tested.
- Multiple variants have been detected in Grand Traverse County and the Traverse City region at an increasing rate. A new variant, B.1.429 (California) was detected in 4 testing samples in addition to the previous B.1.17 variant of Grand Traverse County residents.
- Due to increasing cases and a growing number of variant cases in Michigan effective April 5th, 2021 a standard 14-day quarantine for all close contacts of COVID-19 cases has been reinstated.
- **If you have cold-like, allergy-like, or sinus-like symptoms, please get tested.**

### **CASE NUMBERS AND STATISTICS**

<b>CASES SINCE 4/23/21</b>	<b>DEATHS SINCE 4/23/21</b>	<b>CUMULATIVE CASES as of 4/23/21</b>	<b>PERCENT POSITIVITY (7-DAY AVERAGE)</b>	<b>CASES PER MILLION (7-DAY AVERAGE)</b>	<b>COUNTY RISK LEVEL</b>
<b>163 ↓</b>	<b>2 ↓</b>	<b>6016</b>	<b>10.4% ↓</b>	<b>152 ↓</b>	<b>E</b>

\*arrows reflect an increase or decrease from the previous report

Statistics are available on the [MI Safe Start Map](#) and on the Health Department's [dashboard](#) and [Facebook page](#), which updates new case information daily at 5 p.m., Monday - Friday.

It is now even more important that EVERYONE continue to do what works to slow the spread of the virus by wearing their masks properly, socially distancing, avoiding crowds, washing their hands often, and making a plan to get the safe and effective COVID-19 vaccine you can. We all have a personal responsibility to slow the spread of COVID-19 and end this pandemic.

To find the latest statistics regarding COVID-19 vaccinations across the state, you can visit the MDHHS vaccine [dashboard](#).

### **TESTING AT CHERRY CAPITAL AIRPORT**

Voluntary, free, rapid (antigen) COVID-19 testing is now available at Cherry Capital Airport for incoming travelers. The testing group will require proof of passenger travel on the day of testing (boarding pass or itinerary schedule). There is an approximate 30-minute timeline from registration to result. The registration and collection process takes 15 minutes, with results being emailed/texted to patients approximately 15 minutes after sample collection.

Below is their initial schedule, subject to change as flights activities shift heading into summer:

Sunday – 3:00 to 11:00 p.m.

Wednesday – 2:00 to 10:00 p.m.

Friday – 12:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.



## **GTCHD TESTING AT CHERRYLAND MALL**

Rapid antigen testing is available at the GTCHD's Cherryland Center testing site. Testing is free of charge and will be completed regardless of symptoms. Testing is Mondays and Tuesdays by appointment only. To book an appointment, follow this [link](#).

**Due to the high number of cases in the county, the GTCHD is asking anyone who is told that they tested positive for COVID-19 to self-isolate at home until the health department is able to reach you. Additionally, any and all household contacts or close contacts should quarantine until the case investigation and contact tracing occurs.**



## **COVID-19 TESTING IN GRAND TRAVERSE COUNTY:**

Grand Traverse County testing sites include:

[Munson Healthcare Foster Family Community Health Center](#) (priority 1 & 2 only)  
[Northwest Michigan Health Services](#) (testing all by appointment)  
[Rite Aid at Chums Corner](#) (testing all by appointment)  
[Walgreens at Chums Corner](#) (testing all by appointment)  
[GTCHD Testing at Cherryland Mall](#) (testing by appointment on Mondays and Tuesdays)  
See [Michigan's COVID-19 test finder](#) for more options

Testing sites have capacity and tests are available. Individuals seeking tests can call:

- Their healthcare provider
- The Munson Healthcare Covid-19 hotline: 231-935-0951
- The Michigan COVID-19 hotline: 888-535-6136

**If you are traveling and require testing to fly, you need to research what the destination site requires for testing.**

## **ABOUT THE JOC**

Grand Traverse County's Joint Operations Center has been meeting to coordinate efforts and communication on the COVID-19 pandemic since Friday, March 13, 2020. Members include key community partners from health, government, first responders, education, social service, and business sectors.

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